



# DISTRICT 9 OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION 2023 SCORING EVALUATION FY 2025 (Round 38)

This document provides the District 9 Ohio Public Works Scoring criteria and guidance. These criteria are used to evaluate each project and determine which will be recommended to the District 9 Executive and Integrating Committees for funding through the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP), Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP).

For questions regarding scoring criteria please contact the Lorain,  
Medina, or Huron County Engineer's offices.  
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## DISTRICT 9 PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

All projects submitted by the application deadline will be scored in the following areas:

### 1. 164.06(B)(1) Infrastructure Needs of District

Points Received	Project Type
5	Road, Streets and Associated Drainage
4	Bridges and Culverts
3	Storm Water Drainage
2	Water Supply
1	Sanitary Collection and Treatment / Solid Waste

Points for this Category will be awarded based on the Project Type as indicated on the OPWC Application for Financial Assistance.

### 2. 164.06(B)(2) Current Design Standards and/or Capacity Requirements

Does existing infrastructure meet current design standards or capacity requirements?

Points Received	
5	No, project will bring existing infrastructure into full compliance with current design standards or capacity requirements
3	No, project will bring existing infrastructure into partial compliance with current design standards or capacity requirements
0	Existing infrastructure meets current design standards or capacity requirements

Applicant should list all project components that result in either partial or full compliance with current design standards and/or capacity requirements in section 4.3 of the OPWC Application for Financial Assistance.

3. 164.06(B)(2) and 164.14(E)(9) Condition of System to be Repaired or Replaced

Points Received	Condition of System
10	System is in immediate need of repair or replacement
7	Infrastructure is deteriorated and should be repaired or replaced within the next 2-4 years
4	Infrastructure is deteriorated and should be repaired or replaced within the next 5-8 years
0	Project represents basic maintenance of an existing system in a non-deteriorated condition

The Applicant shall provide information in Section 4.3.C, Physical Dimensions, regarding the condition of the existing infrastructure. This information may include PCR (pavement condition rating), general appraisals, condition reports, etc. The Applicant should also include photos that clearly show the condition of the infrastructure as an attachment to the application. New sanitary sewer and/or water line projects will be scored based on average condition of septic systems or wells currently serving the existing properties.

4. 164.06(B)(2) Infrastructure Age

Type of Project	Project Life (Years)	Points				
		5	4	3	2	1
Bridge / Culvert	50	$\geq 50$	49 - 39	38 - 27	26 - 15	$\leq 14$
Road	20	$\geq 20$	19 - 16	15 - 10	9 - 6	$\leq 5$
Sanitary Sewer	50	$\geq 50$	49 - 39	38 - 27	26 - 15	$\leq 14$
Water Supply	50	$\geq 50$	49 - 39	38 - 27	26 - 15	$\leq 14$
Wastewater Treatment	30	$\geq 30$	29 - 25	24 - 16	15 - 9	$\leq 8$
Water Treatment	30	$\geq 30$	29 - 25	24 - 16	15 - 9	$\leq 8$
Septic System	20	$\geq 20$	19 - 16	15 - 10	9 - 6	$\leq 5$
Storm Water	50	$\geq 50$	49 - 39	38 - 27	26 - 15	$\leq 14$

Points are awarded based on age of existing infrastructure. Applicant **must** include age in Section 4.1 – Useful Life / Cost Estimate / Age of Infrastructure to be awarded points in this section. New sanitary sewer and/or water line projects will be scored based on average age of septic systems or wells currently serving the existing properties.

5. 164.06(B)(3) Generation of Revenue in the form of user fees or assessments

Points Received	Project Type
2	Road, Streets and Associated Drainage
2	Bridges
2	Storm Water Drainage
0	Water Supply
0	Sanitary Collection and Treatment / Solid Waste

Points for this category will be awarded based on the Project Type as indicated on Application for Financial Assistance.

6. 164.06(B)(8) Economic Health

Points Received	Communities Per Capita Income w/ Respect to Home County
5	Less than 80% of County's Median
4	80 – 95% of County's Median
3	96 – 110% of County's Median
2	111 – 125% of County's Median
1	Greater than 125% of County's Median

Data for this criterion is prepared by the County Department of Development for each respective County.

7. 164.14 (E)(3) Economic Development

Points Received	Development Criteria
3	Support of specific job creation of 50 or more.
2	Support of specific job creation of 10 to 49.
1	Support of specific job creation of less than 10 or significant job retention.
0	No specific economic benefit shown.

Points for the pursuit of significant and specific economic benefit will be given **only if supporting documentation is provided**. Documentation must come in the form of a letter from a specific business stating how many jobs will be created or retained or proof verifying the closing of a relevant real estate deal. No points will be given for any jobs moving from one area of the district to another area of the district. No points will be given for retail or residential development. Project must add capacity and/or be a major reconstruction.

8. 164.06(B)(4) and 164.14(E)(1) Importance of Project to Health and Safety of Citizens

Points Received	Project Requirements
10	Road, bridge and culvert or drainage projects with major safety upgrades
7	Mandated sewer and water projects, road or drainage projects with limited safety upgrades
5	Road or drainage reconstruction (no safety upgrades), non-mandated sewer and water projects, basic resurfacing
0	Water and sewer line maintenance and repair

Points are awarded in this category based on a combination of the Project Type and information given in Section 4.3 – Project Description of the Application for Financial Assistance.

9. 164.06(B)(6) and 164.14(E)(6) Leveraging Ratio

Points Received	% OPWC Funds of Total Project Cost
5	24% or less
4	25% – 39%
3	40% – 59%
2	60% – 74%
1	75% – 89%
0	90% or more

Points for this category are determined by the percentage of OPWC funds requested when compared to the total cost of the project. This percentage is shown in Section 1.0 – Project Financial Information of the Application for Financial Assistance.

10. 164.06(B)(7) and 164.14 (E)(4) The availability of Federal, State or other funds for the project

Points Received	Status of Federal, state of other funds available for project
5	No Funds available
4	Funds available – application rejected.
3	Funds available as part of local match.
0	Funds available – no effort expended

Points for this category are awarded based on where the project is located, what type of project it is, or information provided in Section 1.0 of the Application for Financial Assistance. If the applicant has applied for additional funds and been denied, documentation is required. If the applicant does not provide documentation or no attempt to gain additional funds is made on projects eligible for them, the project will receive 0 points in this category. Projects that have received federal funds must include the ODOT/FHWA PID.

**11. 164.06(B)(9) and 164.14(E)(5) Readiness of Project to Proceed after Date of Grant Award**

Points Received	Schedule Information
5	Project will begin within 6 months
3	Project will not begin for at least 6 months
0	Project will not begin for at least 12 months

Points awarded for this category will be based on the Construction Begin Date listed in Section 3.0 – Project Schedule of the Application for Financial Assistance. Please note that failure to meet this date may reflect in awarding of fewer points on future applications as noted in Criterion #14.

**12. Loans**

Points Received	% of Request that is a Loan
5	76% - 100%
4	50% - 75%
3	31% - 49%
2	16% - 30%
1	6% - 15%
0	0% - 5%

Points awarded for this category are awarded based on the amount of loan requested when compared to the total funding request (\$ amount of loan / \$ of total request). This percentage is shown in Section 1.0 – Project Financial Information of the Application for Financial Assistance.

**13. Amount of request**

Points Received	Amount of Request
5	Less than \$150,000
4	\$150,001 – \$250,000
3	\$250,001 – \$400,000
2	\$400,001 – \$550,000
1	\$550,001 - \$800,000
0	More than \$800,001

Points for this project are based on the total amount of Funding Requested on the Application for Financial Assistance. If a project is broken into phases, only one phase can be funded per round. Similar scope of work and/or contiguous construction shall be considered one project.

**14. 164.06(B)(10), 164.14(E)(6), 164.14(E)(7), 164.14(E)(2) Other Factors of Particular Importance (up to 8 points)**

In addition to the other 13 evaluation criteria factors, other relevant factors should be considered by the individual County Engineers in their evaluation of the proposed projects. This evaluation factor should be used by each County Engineer to assess the following project factors:

- Need of the proposed project
- Conformance with sound fiscal management policies
- Applicant's history of investing in bridge and highway improvements
- Is this project on a multi-jurisdictional route?
- ADT of roadway
- Size of population affected by the improvement
- Multiple community project
- Failure to meet submitted project schedules on previous approved applications
- Multiple applications / Community Priority
- Whether the project will alleviate serious traffic problems or hazards or would respond to needs caused by rapid growth and development
- Bridge posting/load rating

Tie-Breaking Policy

The Engineering Review Subcommittee (ERS) meets in October of every year (actual date is included in the yearly schedule). At this meeting all projects are reviewed, and a list of projects is agreed upon by the subcommittee for recommendation to the District 9 Executive and Integrating Committees. This list of projects will serve as the tie-breaking mechanism for the district. For example, if five different projects score a total of 57 points, then the first project listed as approved by the ERS will receive top priority for funding, the second listed will receive second priority, and so on.